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Air Plan Approval; Missouri Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Jefferson County 2010 SO₂ 1-Hour NAAQS Nonattainment Area; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule titled, "Air Plan Approval; Missouri Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Jefferson County 2010 SO₂ 1-Hour NAAQS Nonattainment Area." In response to stakeholder requests, the EPA is reopening the comment period for this proposed rule.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on June 29, 2021 (86 FR 34177), is reopened. Written comments must be received on or before **[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0391 to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on

sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Written Comments" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On June 29, 2021, the EPA published in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 34177), a notice of proposed rulemaking, proposing to approve the State of Missouri's December 27, 2017, request for the EPA to redesignate the Jefferson County, Missouri, 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) nonattainment area to attainment and to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision containing a maintenance plan for the area. The State provided supplemental information on: May 15, 2018; February 7, 2019; February 25, 2019; and April 9, 2021. In response to these submittals, on June 28, 2021, the EPA proposed to take the following actions: approve the State's plan for maintaining attainment of the 2010 1-hour SO₂ primary standard in the area; and approve the State's request to redesignate the Jefferson County SO₂ nonattainment area to attainment for the 2010 1-hour SO₂ primary standard. For more detailed information about this matter, please refer to the June 29, 2021 *Federal Register* document.

The notice of proposed rulemaking, as initially published in the *Federal Register*, provided for written comments to be submitted to the EPA on or before July 29, 2021 (a 30-day public comment period). Since publication, the EPA was made aware that the Technical Support Document (TSD) associated with the proposed rule was not included in the docket. The TSD was uploaded to the docket on July 18, 2021. Subsequently, the EPA received stakeholder requests for the comment period to be extended. Accordingly, the EPA is reopening the public comment period to afford stakeholders the ability to fully evaluate the EPA's proposed action and an opportunity to comment on the technical basis for the EPA's proposed action. The EPA will address all comments received on the original proposal and on this supplemental notice in our final action.

Dated: _____
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Edward H. Chu,
Acting Regional Administrator,
Region 7.

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